

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: July 20, 2005

Division: County Administration

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: County Administration

Staff Contact Person: Debbie Frederick

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Discussion of a request for intermittent traffic control on the 7 Mile Bridge for an event in August.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

A production company is requesting to film a mini-series entitled The Triangle in South Florida. The Producers and Director of this mini-series would like to shoot a key segment of the script on the 7 Mile Bridge at the end of August. The production company would like to be able to control both northbound and southbound traffic on the 7 Mile Bridge for this shot. The request is for intermittent traffic control for periods of ten to fifteen minutes at a time, three to five times per hour.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

All road closure events are brought before the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Denial of request or a reduction of road closure/traffic disruption time periods.

TOTAL COST: -0-

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: -0-

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: Thomas Willi
Thomas J. Willi

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

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July 1, 2005

Mr. Tom Willi
Monroe County Administrator
1100 Simonton Street
Key West, FL 33040

Via Facsimile: (305) 292-4544

Dear Mr. Willi,

A mini-series entitled "The Triangle" is currently in pre-production for a 2nd Unit shoot scheduled to take place here in South Florida at the end of August. "The Triangle" stars Eric Stoltz, Sam Neill, Catherine Bell, Bruce Davidson and Lou Diamond Phillips. This mini-series is being produced for the Sci-Fi channel. The story follows a team of researchers as they search for clues to unlock the secrets of the Bermuda Triangle. The Producers and Director of "The Triangle" would like to shoot a key sequence from the script, on the 7 Mile Bridge, in the Florida Keys.

The following information is a rough outline of this proposed shoot on the 7 Mile Bridge:

Date(s): One (1) day between the dates of Monday, August 29; Tuesday, August 30 and Wednesday, August 31, 2005
Rain Date(s): Thursday, September 1, 2005
Time(s): Approx. Ten (10) to Twelve (12) hours between 6:00am and 8:00pm (depending on sunrise, sunset and shooting schedule)

Crew Size: Approx. 50 people (cast, crew, extras, etc.)
Production Vehicles: Approx. Ten (10) Production Vehicles/Trailers
Special Equipment: Low-flying helicopter and possibly a camera car.

Description of Shot: A car travels northbound and/or southbound on the 7 Mile Bridge. As the car travels along the bridge a strange thing begins to happen...cars passing the vehicle begin to vanish into thin air.

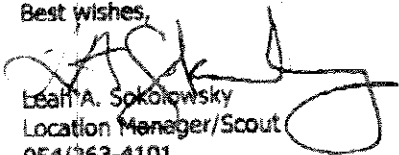
Filming Requirements:

- We would like to be able to control both northbound and southbound traffic on the 7 Mile Bridge for this shot. We are requesting intermittent traffic control on the bridge for periods of ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes at a time, three to five times per hour.
- There will most likely be a low-flying helicopter used to film a portion of this sequence.
- There may be a camera car used to film a portion of this sequence.
- I will be contacting Pigeon Key to see if they may allow us to use the Old 7 Mile Bridge for additional camera angles. In addition, I will probably ask them to use their parking lot(s) to accommodate our Production Vehicle parking for the shoot.
- I have left a message for Captain Thompson with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department to discuss off-duty requirements and concerns that he may have regarding this proposed shoot.
- I also spoke briefly with Jim Sumauski at FDOT-District VI. He did not see a problem with issuing us a permit for this shoot as long as we obtain the proper approval from Monroe County and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

- We realize that we will need to notify area residents prior to this shoot. I am hoping that we can accomplish this via PSA's in local newspapers and on local radio stations. How many days prior to the filming should we start airing/running these PSA's?
- We are also aware that you may not want us to perform Intermittent traffic control during rush hour. Can I confirm that rush hour is from approx. 8am-10am and 5pm-7pm during the week?
- We are also aware that should an emergency evacuation situation arise (due to Hurricane threat), our permit (if issued) may become ineffective.

Please let me know if this information is sufficient to get the permitting and approval process started. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information outlined above, please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 954/263-4101 or you may e-mail me at maxydoggy@aol.com. Once again, thank you for your assistance with this permit. I am looking forward to working with you once again.

Best wishes,


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Location Manager/Scout
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